

## ACCIDENT REPORT

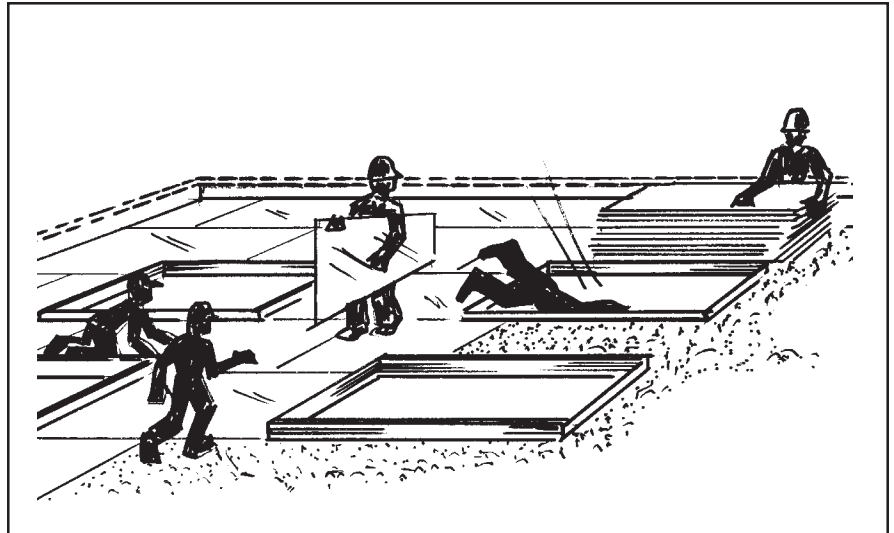
# DISASTER FACTS



• U.S. Department of Labor • Occupational Safety and Health Administration • Kansas City Region VII No. 41

### ACCIDENT SUMMARY

Accident Type: ..... Fall through skylight opening  
Weather Conditions: ..... Clear  
Type of Operation: ..... Re-roofing job  
Size of Work Crew: ..... 7  
Collective bargaining unit ..... No  
Competent safety monitor  
on site: ..... Yes  
Safety and health program  
in effect: ..... Yes  
Was the worksite  
inspected regularly? ..... Yes  
Training and Education  
provided? ..... Yes  
Craft of Deceased  
Employee: ..... Roofer  
Age/Sex: ..... 48/Male  
Experience at this type of work: ..... 28 days  
Time on project: ..... 2 days



### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

The victim was at the job site laying insulation on the roof of the schools' gymnasium. The company had removed all of the skylight covers to lay insulation close to the base of the skylights. The victim had handed a section of insulation to another employee, then fell through an unprotected skylight opening, measuring 49" x 49", approximately 25 feet to the ground below, where school children, parents, and teachers were getting together.

### ACCIDENT PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS

Provide proper fall protection for working around skylight openings and train employees in appropriate fall protection measures.

### SOURCES OF HELP

• OSHA Standards, regulations, documents and technical information are available on the Internet World Wide web at: <http://www.OSHA.gov/>. That information also is on CD-ROM, which may be purchased from the Government Printing Office, phone (202) 512-1800 or fax (202) 512-2250, Order No. 729-13-00000-5; Cost \$79 annually; \$28 quarterly.

• For hard copies of OSHA Construction Standards [29 CFR Part 1926], which include all OSHA job safety and health rules and regulation covering construction, contact Government Printing Office, phone (202) 512-1800, fax (202) 512-2250, order number 869-022-00114-1, \$33.

• OSHA-funded free consultation services listed in telephone directories under U.S. Labor Department or under the state government section where states administer their own OSHA programs.

• OSHA Safety and Health Training Guidelines for Construction, Volume III (Available from the National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161; phone (703) 487-4650; Order No. PB-239-312/AS. \$25 to help construction employers establish a training program.

• Courses in construction safety are offered by the OSHA Training Institute, 1555 Times Drive, Des Plaines, IL 60018, (847) 297-4810, and the Metropolitan Community Colleges Business & Technology Center, 6899 Executive Drive, Kansas City, MO 64120, (816) 482-5210.



Note: This case described was selected as being representative of improper work practices which likely contributed to a fatality from a fall and/or electrocution. The accident prevention recommendations do not necessarily reflect the outcome of the legal aspects of the incident case. Your company or organization is eligible to receive one free copy of this leaflet which you may duplicate and share with your co-workers. To be placed on the distribution list, send your name, title and address to: U.S. Department of Labor-OSHA, 1100 Main, Suite 800, Kansas City, MO 64105, Attn. TECFAP, or e-mail to [dearing-cynthia@dol.gov](mailto:dearing-cynthia@dol.gov).